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***Raised Bill No. 7387***

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT PREMISES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 30-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) A cafe permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to be  
4 consumed on the premises of a cafe, except that such sale or  
5 consumption shall not be permitted in any parking area of the cafe.  
6 Premises operated under a cafe permit shall regularly keep food  
7 available for sale to its customers for consumption on the premises.  
8 The availability of sandwiches, soups or other foods, whether fresh,  
9 processed, precooked or frozen, shall be deemed compliance with  
10 [this] such requirement. The licensed premises shall at all times  
11 comply with all the regulations of the local department of health.  
12 Nothing [herein] in this section shall be construed to require that any  
13 food be sold or purchased with any liquor, [nor shall any] and no rule,  
14 regulation or standard shall be promulgated or enforced requiring that  
15 the sale of food be substantial or that the receipts of the business, other  
16 than from the sale of liquor, equal any set percentage of total receipts  
17 from sales made therein. A cafe permit shall allow, with the prior

18 approval of the Department of Consumer Protection, alcoholic liquor  
 19 to be served at tables in outside areas that are screened or not screened  
 20 from public view where permitted by fire, zoning and health  
 21 regulations. If not required by fire, zoning or health regulations, a  
 22 fence or wall enclosing such outside areas shall not be required by the  
 23 Department of Consumer Protection. No fence or wall used to enclose  
 24 such outside areas shall be less than thirty inches high. The annual fee  
 25 for a cafe permit shall be one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars.

26 (b) (1) A cafe patron may remove one unsealed bottle of wine for  
 27 off-premises consumption, provided the patron has purchased a full  
 28 course meal and consumed a portion of the wine with such meal on  
 29 the cafe premises. For purposes of this [section] subdivision, "full  
 30 course meal" means a diversified selection of food which ordinarily  
 31 cannot be consumed without the use of tableware and which cannot be  
 32 conveniently consumed while standing or walking.

33 (2) A partially consumed bottle of wine that is to be removed from  
 34 the premises pursuant to this subsection shall be securely sealed and  
 35 placed in a bag by the permittee or the permittee's agent or employee  
 36 prior to removal from the premises.

37 (c) As used in this section: [ "cafe"] (1) "Cafe" means space in a  
 38 suitable and permanent building, kept, used, maintained, advertised  
 39 and held out to the public to be a place where alcoholic liquor and  
 40 food is served for sale at retail for consumption on the premises, but  
 41 which does not necessarily serve hot meals, [; it] that shall have no  
 42 sleeping accommodations for the public and need not necessarily have  
 43 a kitchen or dining room, but shall have employed therein at all times  
 44 an adequate number of employees; and (2) "premises" includes any  
 45 parking area owned by or under the control of the permittee or backer  
 46 of the cafe permit and used for parking by customers of the cafe.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	October 1, 2007	30-22a
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To expand the premises of a cafe permit to include cafe parking areas owned by or under the control of the permittee or backer of the cafe permit.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*